

CREDITON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL1945Medical Officer's Report for  
Year ending 31st. December, 1945

Gentlemen,

I beg to present my report for the year, 1945.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres) 1,096; Registrar-General's estimate of resident population 1937; 3,718; Number of inhabited houses (end of 1937) according to Rate Books, 1,205; Rateable Value, £17,807; Sum represented by a Penny Rate, £71.

The District is mainly agricultural. There are, however, several factories, a medicinal lozenge factory, three sweet factories, two cider factories, and a dried milk factory.

		<u>VITAL STATISTICS</u>			
		m	f	total	
<u>Live Births</u>	(Legitimate	59	55	114	Birth rate 32 per 1,000 population
	(Illegitimate	6	8	14	
<u>Deaths</u>		m	f	total	
		30	42	72	Death rate 18 per 1,000 pop.

Number of Women dying in, or in consequence of	}	from Sepsis	0
Childbirth:		other causes	0

Death of Infants under one year of age:-	}	Total 2.
Legitimate 2. Illegitimate 0.		

All Infants per 1,000 live births - 14.8  
 Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births 15.6  
 Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births - Nil.

The high birth rate is mainly due to the fact that there are two Nursing Homes in the Area which take in maternity cases.

Of the deaths, 6 were due to cancer. Of the 72 deaths, 33 were over the age of 70 and 18 were over the age of 80.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, F. Burgess, M.S.I.A., C.R.S.I.,

Professional Nursing in the Home (a) General. The Crediton Sick Nursing Association provide one Nurse, paid for by subscriptions with help from the County Council.

For infectious diseases - Nil.

MIDWIVES

The midwife provided by the Crediton Sick Nursing Association with help from the County Council.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

Maternity and Child Welfare:-

This is held weekly in the Red Cross room in Market Street.







## CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

### Tuberculosis and Venereal Disease

There are none in the district. The nearest are at Exeter.

### Tuberculosis

Cases from this district are taken to 'Ivybank' Hospital or to Hvalmoor Sanatorium, at the discretion of the Tuberculosis Officer.

### Infectious Cases

Are nursed in their homes, but are removed to the Exeter Sanatorium if adequate isolation cannot be obtained.

Small-pox - The Small-pox Hospital is at Upton Pyne.

The other hospitals available for the district are the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, the Dispensary, the Eye Infirmary and the Orthopaedic Hospital at Exeter.

## AMBULANCES

- (a) For infectious cases, by arrangement with the Exeter Sanatorium.
- (b) For non-infectious cases, by ordinary cars or St. John's Ambulances at Exeter and through the County Council.

## LABORATORY WORK

Throat swabs, sputum, and blood for Typhoid, are examined and reported on by the Devon County Council Pathological Department, free of cost in the case of poor people.

Diphtheria antitoxin is provided by the Urban District Council for the poor people on the recommendation of the M.O.H.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. (a) The water from Walsou, George Hill and Union Road, is of excellent quality and the supplies were maintained.
- (b) Drainage & Sewerage. The works constructed at Lords Meadow and the improved method of treating the effluent over the land have resulted in a great improvement in the discharge to the river. Fordton drainage continues to be unsatisfactory.
2. River and Streams. The river Creechy should now not be polluted by the discharge from Lords Meadow, but the River Yeo continues to receive untreated sewerage from Fordton.
3. Closet Accommodation. There are only a few houses which have not a separate closet or flushing cistern.
4. Schools. The sanitary conditions and water supply of the schools are satisfactory.
5. Public Cleansing. House refuse is collected twice weekly and removed to the Council's dump at Punchbowl.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

- (a) Milk Supply:- All dairies and cowsheds are registered and are frequently visited.
- (b) Meat Inspections :- Inspections are made in the shops. There is no public Slaughter House. Slaughtering of animals is done at Exeter under the Ministry of Food.



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NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)  
DURING THE YEAR

Diseases	No. Cases.	Cases Admitted to hospital.	Deaths
Small Pox	Nil	Nil	Nil
Scarlet Fever	5	1	"
Diphtheria	Nil	Nil	"
Enteric Group	"	"	"
Puerperal Fever	"	"	"
Puerperal Pyrexia	"	"	"
Infantile Paralysis	1	1	"
Pneumonia	3	Nil	"

Over 92% of the children between the age groups 1 year to 15 years have been immunised against Diphtheria.

TUBERCULOSIS

Age periods	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 .....								
1 .....								
5 .....								
10 .....								
15 .....								
20 .....	1	2						
25 .....								
35 .....						1		
45 .....	1							
55 .....								
65 and upwards								
TOTALS	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) HARGOLD F.L. HUGO,  
Medical Officer of Health.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY

DATE	NO.	NAME	QUANTITY
1911	1	...	...
1911	2	...	...
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THE TOTAL OF THE ABOVE IS ...

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DATE	NO.	NAME	QUANTITY
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